

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Leonard Guarente *et al.* Art Unit : 1645
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**AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO ACTION OF JULY 17, 2006, FILED AS A SUBMISSION
WITH THE REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 9.